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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the quantity". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

4. With respect to Claim 1: the phrase "obtaining the packing number..... about the goods;" is indefinite. It is unclear to the examiner how a number can be "about" the goods. Is it corresponding to the goods?

5. With respect to Claim 1: the phrase "outputting the minimum delivery sku" is indefinite. It is unclear where and who the delivery sku is being outputted to.

6. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the in-transit quantity of goods". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

7. With respect to Claim 1: the phrase "employing the minimum delivery sku..... to control the..." is indefinite. It is unclear to the examiner how a delivery sku "controls" the goods. How are the goods being controlled and how is the delivery sku controlling them?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sajkowsky (US 2005/0099292).

10. With respect to Claims 1 and 7: Sajkowsky discloses the use of a method for controlling the delivery of in-transit goods (see abstract) comprising the steps:

- a. Inputting goods data (see Paragraph 0083);
- b. Obtaining packing number (Picking Docs, 162, and PO#s 910), pallet number (Paragraph 0109 and Figure 15) and carton number about the goods (Paragraph Carton tag, number, See Figures 9, 14-23 with corresponding detailed description);
- c. Transforming numbers into a minimum delivery sku (Sajkowsky uses RFID tags, which equates to barcodes, Paragraph 0060, and discloses all information is linked and stored in a ship-file (Figures 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20, and discloses everything is controlled by the container tags, which has a unique number, which the examiner considers to be the minimum delivery sku, paragraph 0064);
- d. Outputting the sku, and employing the sku to control the goods (see abstract, and Paragraphs 0072 and 0111).

11. With respect to Claims 2-6: Sajkowsky discloses the container info, and the ship file, also are linked to and contain, Company number (Manufacturing of goods, Paragraph 0079 and product owner, Paragraph 0064), Trade Document number (Paragraph 0064, and Customs harmonization code, Paragraph 0095) and product number (Item tag, Paragraph 0036).

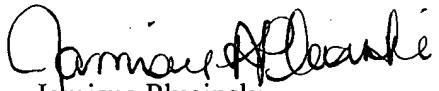
Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Morimoto (7,035,856) discloses the use of information of a delivery is being controlled by a data file, Weng et al. (US 2003/0158857) discloses the use of an item tracking system Luce et al. (US 2003/0125972) discloses the use of a system and method for tracking distribution, Hancock et al. (US 2003/0009361) discloses the use of a tracking and shipping system, and Kato et al. (5,971,587) discloses the use of a package and mail delivery system using tracking via a barcode.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamisue A. Plucinski whose telephone number is (571) 272-6811. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (5:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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